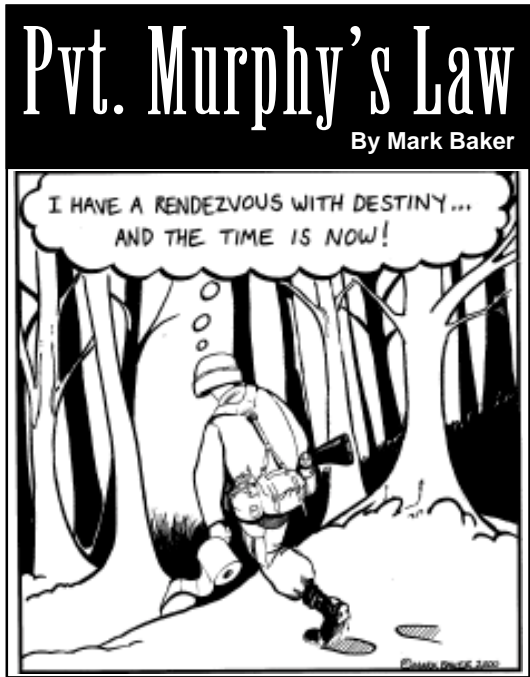


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## Sports shorts

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### Run to the border

The 11th Annual Southern Arizona Harley Riders' Run to the Border 2002 is set for the Cinco de Mayo weekend in Nogales. The AMA sanctioned run begins with a SAHR party Friday, including music by DJ Mata. Registration for the run begins at 8 a.m., Saturday. Cost is \$10 per person and \$1 off with AMA card. For room reservations call the Super 8 Motel, 547 W. Mariposa Rd., Nogales, Ariz. at (520) 281-2242 or e-mail [www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com).

All motorcycle makes and models are welcome and the event is open to the public. No weapons and no bad attitudes. Attractions include the band Live Wire, kids games, run shirts and rally patches, vendors, charity auctions, secure parking with admission, door prizes and trophies. For more information, call 459-4135 or e-mail [whitecotton@mindspring.com](mailto:whitecotton@mindspring.com). For vendor information, call 456-9377.

### Softball tournament

The 504th Signal Battalion is hosting a double elimination slow pitch softball tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Eifler Sports Complex. The tournament is open to the first 16 teams to register. ASA rules will apply for the tournament. Cost is \$75 per team and all proceeds will benefit the battalion's Family Readiness Group. For more information and an entry form, call 1st Lt. Rochelle Gallagher at 533-0740 or Sgt. 1st Class Guillermina Moses at 533-1217. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

### Youth volleyball tours Europe

Sports For Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15 - 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the United States on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. 2002 marks the 20th year that the Goodwill Ambassadors have conducted world tours for junior volleyball players. This year's tour, July 1-22, is to Europe (London, England; Paris, France; Geneva, Switzerland; Venice, and Rome, Italy). The tour is both a cultural and athletic enrichment program. The team will play in international age group volleyball tournaments, as well as play local club team in each city. Full sightseeing tours are scheduled in each city as well. For more information, e-mail the Sports For Youth Foundation at [info@sportsforyouth.com](mailto:info@sportsforyouth.com). Visit the tour Web site to see photos from previous tours, see the daily itinerary or sign up at the online registration form.

The Volleyball Tour Web site is [www.volleyballtours.com](http://www.volleyballtours.com).

### Sports series mini camps

The Parks and Leisure Services will be providing instruction in skills, rules, and fundamentals for several team and individual sports from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 3-7, beginning with a baseball/softball mini camp. All weekly mini camps will be held at the Apache Middle School gymnasium for \$60 per participant, per week.

Register now for youth in second-through seventh-grades. Registration includes admission for three days of swimming per week at the new Sierra Vista Aquatic Center, the Cove. Participants should bring snacks, lunch, drinks, hats and sunscreen each day. Swimsuits and towels will be needed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Register at the Oscar Yrun Community Center for upcoming mini sports camps, including football, volleyball, bowling, golf, track and field, soccer and volleyball.



Photos by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

**Top, Sgt. Tony Espinoza, Desert Thunder coach, hit 6 for 8 during the tournament and ended up with a .750 batting average. Right, Chief Warrant Officer Randell Shafer, pitcher, pulled through for the team as he was brought in for the third inning of the third game, helping to secure their victory. Pitched in the second game as well. Randell got two homeruns during the tournament and ended up with a .667 percent batting average.**

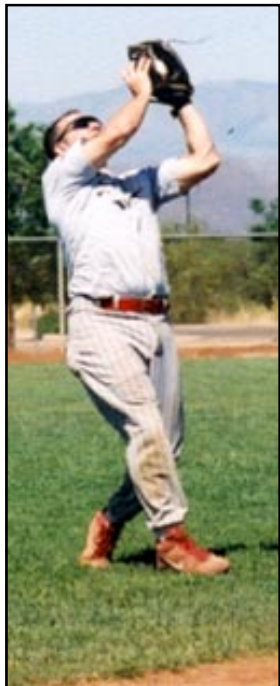


## Thunder rolls throughout Sierra Vista

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo  
Scout Staff

Desert Thunder, the post tournament softball team, roared loud and strong during a Coca-Cola sponsored tournament at the Domingo Paiz field at the Oscar Yrun Community Center in Sierra Vista Saturday.

The post team took first place, beating out the Sierra Vista Pirates and three nationally rated Tucson softball teams.



**Lee Mish, team short stop, catches a line drive.**



**Fernando Inigo, team designated hitter, hits a triple and brings in a run. He hit 4 for 10 with a .400 batting average.**

## Penguins spiked, iced by Company B, 305th MI Bn.

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks  
NCOIC, PAO

Entering Monday night's championship volleyball game Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion head coach Liz Andreichuk knew her team was the heavy favorite to capture the title against Company B, 305th MI Bn.

"We defeated this team twice in the regular season, but we don't want to be too overconfident coming into this game and lose," Andreichuk said.

Those words were nearly prophetic as 305th had to come from behind to ice the Penguins 13-15, 15-5, 15-5 at Barnes Field House to claim the AA League championship.

In the first set, the Penguins trailed 13-6 before rallying nine straight points behind the tandem of Jeremy Frye and George Cunningham to win 15-13. The pair stifled 305th striker Leon Hall at the net after he scored back-to-back spikes, but Hall would be too much to handle in the second and match sets.

Receiving perfect sets for a spike from teammate Jim McLean, Hall kept delivering powerful spikes towards the Penguin defenders. Hall also provided a wall of defense at the net as he blocked several spike attempts and scoring opportunities.

"I'd personally rather make a block than score a spike," Hall said. "Defense always win games and that's what I try to bring to the court."

Although the 305th scored many points from spikes, the team also displayed solid fundamentals of the game by communicating on the court and keeping service.

"After losing the first set, I just had to calm everybody down," Andreichuk said. "We were making mistakes we normally don't make, and we just had to relax. We knew we were the better team and could play better than what we did."

Despite losing Penguin head coach Joshua Champion praised his

Though the tournament was scheduled as a two-day event, the Tucson contenders were unable to attend the championship game Sunday against the Desert Thunder. The city was unable to provide lighting for the field to play a night finale in lieu of the Sunday championship game, so the Tucson team had to forfeit to the post players.

Desert Thunder received a winning trophy and Coca-Cola T-shirts.

This was the first game the post team played together, and though they were still getting to know each other's game style, the team was successful in the tournament.

"We need to brush up a little by practicing more together. We need to familiarize ourselves with the starting lineup so we can work more comfortably together," said Sgt. Craig Marcelin, second baseman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, who hit two homeruns for the team. "We look good

as a team, though, and we play well together."

Desert Thunder beat out the first two teams 13-12 and 24-18, respectively, with no problems. Then the team experienced a lull in the beginning of the third game.

"For the first time in the tournament we were down by runs. After being out in the sun all day long we started to lose focus in the third game. But then we got our heads back in the game and rallied back to defeat them," said Fernando Inigo, Desert Thunder designated hitter.

Sgt. Tony Espinoza, Desert Thunder coach, Company D, 40th Signal Battalion, said the team was surprised by the jump the third team got on them.

"They were up 15-5, but we pulled ahead. We were tied by the sixth inning. Then in the seventh inning we came up with seven runs."

Espinoza sees the post Desert Thunders going far this season, possibly even qualifying for a state tournament in Phoenix or Prescott.

"This year's team is pretty solid defense wise. We got some long bats and we're pretty even all around, as far as speed," he said.

Fort Huachuca's Desert Thunder will play at the 504th Tournament at the Eifler Sports Complex Saturday. This will be an all day tournament.

Softball players interested in joining the post team can contact Espinoza at 459-7263.

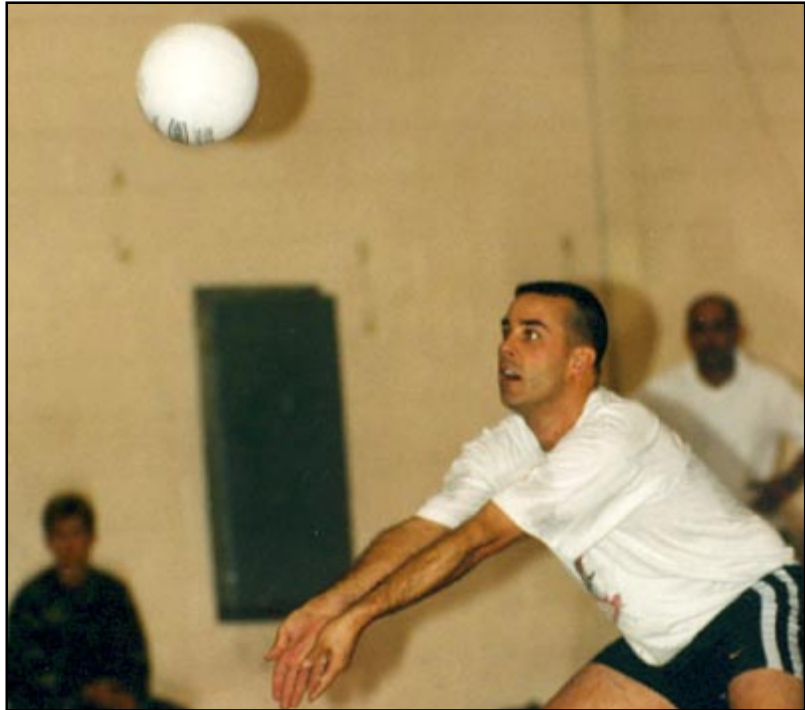


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

**Brian Taylor, Company C, 304th MI Bn., awaits to return a serve during the AA League Volleyball championship game. Taylor's team came from behind a set to claim the title.**

team's effort.

"We had many players who'd never played volleyball before, so making it this far was great for us," Champion said. "There was a lot of pressure out there. I just told our guys just to be tough mentally and it's okay to choke a little. But we played great and I'm proud."

In the A League championship game, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 306th MI Bn. defeated Company B, 40th Signal Bn. in straight sets 16-14, 15-9 to capture the title. Arthur Gray and Brian Flower dominated the action leading the way to victory. The win exacted revenge for the 306th after having lost to the 40th in the regular season.





# In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.



## Facilities announce summer hours

New summer hours are effective now for the following facilities in the Recreation Services Division of the Directorate of Community Activities.

**Jeannie's Diner:** Mondays - Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon - 6 p.m.

**MWR Rents:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

**Desert Lanes:** Mondays, noon - 9 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon -10 p.m.; Thursdays, 4-10 p.m.; Fridays, noon - 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon - 9 p.m.

**Sportsman's Center:** Wednesdays - Sundays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

**MWR Box Office:** Mondays - Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

**MWR Arts Center:** Mondays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Sunday.

**Barnes Field House:** Mondays - Fridays, 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Currently closed Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 a.m. Beginning March 9, facility will be closed Thursdays from 8:00 - 11 a.m.

**Eiffel Fitness Center:** Mondays - Fridays, 5 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.

**Apache Flats R.V. Resort:** Mondays - Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for check-ins only.

**Ozone Fun and Sports Place:** Fridays and Saturdays, 6-11 p.m. Open special hours during holiday weekends.

**Barnes Field House Pool:** Mondays - Fridays, 5-7:30 a.m., lap swim; 7:30-11 a.m., open swim; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., lap swim; 1-4 p.m., open swim; closed Saturdays and Sundays; Memorial Day weekend, closed Saturday and Sunday, open Monday at regular hours. Active duty military and retirees may swim for free.

# COME ON IN!

The water's fine



## Pools open for summer May 25

The first weekend is free to authorized patrons and their guests. Regular pool fees are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

**Grierson Pool:** Tuesdays - Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. lessons; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. open swim; closed Sundays and Mondays; Memorial Day weekend open Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Monday noon - 5 p.m.

**Irwin Pool:** Thursdays - Mondays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., open swim; closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays; Memorial Day weekend open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Call 533-3858 for pool information.



# Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

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## evan and jaron DISHWALLA

### Concert ticket presale blowout Saturday

Recreation Services Division is having a presale concert ticket blowout on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets for the annual Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour featuring Styx, Dishwalla and Evan and Jaron will be sold for only \$15. This is a savings of \$5 per ticket. Blowout tickets will be sold only at MWR Box Office on Fort Huachuca and the Sports Gallery in Sierra Vista.

The concert will be June 22 at Libby Army Airfield on Fort Huachuca. Admission prices are the same as last year, \$20 in advance or \$30 at the gate. The gates will open at 6:30 and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at MWR Box Office, MWR Rents, Desert Lanes and Ozone on Fort Huachuca, and at area Safeway Stores off post. Vendors are needed for this popular event. Spaces of 20' by 10' are available to rent for \$350 each. Applications may be picked up at the Recreation Services Division office located inside MWR Rents at Irwin and Hunter streets. Call 538-1690 for information.

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For those who would like to be a real part of this event, consider becoming a volunteer. Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas, so sign up now by calling 533-4823. Call 538-1690 for general information.

### LakeSide plans Mother's Day Grande Buffet

The annual Mother's Day Grande Buffet will be May 12 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$17.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children ages 5-11. Children four years and under dine for free. Call 533-2194 for information or reservations.

### Desert Lanes news

The Third Annual PBA Western Regional Tournament will be May 10, 11 and 12. The final sweeper for bowlers to qualify for the tournament will be Saturday. Entry fee is \$60. Contenders bowl ten games across ten lanes and one out of seven will earn a spot in the tournament.

The PBA Senior Pro-Am is May 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. Entry fee is \$25. The PBA Junior Pro-Am is May 11 at 9 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. Trophies will be awarded for boys and girls. The PBA Adult Pro-Am is also May 11 at 9 p.m. The entry fee is \$30. Seniors and adult bowlers are elible for cash and door prizes. All Pro-Am participants bowl three games with three different professional bowlers.

Spectators are invited to come watch the pros at the PBA Western Regional Tournament. Call 533-2849 for information.

### Sportsman's Center events for May

A gun safety course is scheduled for May 11 and 12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The class will cover safety and marksmanship of various weapons. Fee is \$10 and includes a certificate and t-shirt upon completion of the course. Participants may join in a fun session on the paintball range after class. Call 533-7085.

### Disneyland Resort military discounts

Active duty military personnel are eligible for special military rates at the hotels at the Disneyland Resort in California through June 13. On Sunday-Thursday, the starting rates per night at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel are \$79, at Disneyland

Hotel \$99 and at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel \$49. Friday and Saturday starting rates at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel are \$99; Disneyland Hotel \$119; and Disney's Grand Californian Hotel \$179. Rates do not include the resort fee or applicable taxes. Military personnel may call (714) 956-MICKEY and reference the military promotion rate plan MLT.Advanced

### Family Readiness Group Training

Army Community Service is sponsoring an installation-wide Advanced Family Readiness Group Training on Saturday. The class will be in the conference room of the Army Community Service building 50010, located on Smith St. This training will cover subjects of meeting management, leadership tools and community resources. Registrations will be taken through Friday. Call 533-2330 or e-mail [gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil](mailto:gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil).

### La Hacienda activities

The La Hacienda is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Patrons may dine from the daily buffet or order from a wide selection of items on the lunch menu. Bingo is offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. The Early Bird Games begin at 6:45 p.m. A Sunday afternoon bingo session begins at 12:45 p.m.

### 2-10-2 Biathlon coming May 18

The 2-10-2 Biathlon, scheduled for May 18, is a ten-mile bike ride sandwiched between two two-mile runs. This strenuous event begins at Chaffee Parade Field at 7 a.m. Entry fees are: \$20 for civilians; \$15 for active duty military; \$30 for civilian teams; \$25 for active duty military teams. For more information, call Les Woods at 533-5031.

### Army Family Team Building classes

An AFTB Level II class will be held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Snacks will be served. Pre-registration is suggested. A Level I Marathon will be held at Murr Community Center on May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Snacks will be served. Attendees are requested to bring a lunch. This marathon covers all Level I classes in one day. These classes are free. Call 533-3686 or 533-2330 for information.

### Military Spouse Day

Army Community Service will have an open house May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cake and punch will be served under canopies in the parking lot. Program information and hand-outs will be available. This event will be an opportunity to say thank you to the military spouses on Fort Huachuca.





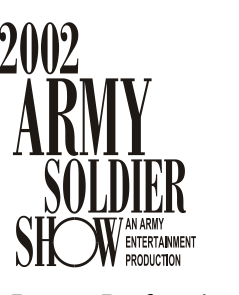

Buffalo Corral is offering a special trail ride on May 10 in celebration of Military Spouse Day. The ride will be from 9 to 11 p.m.The cost is only \$7.50 for military spouses. This is a savings of \$4. Identification is required. Reservations and prepayment are needed by COB May 9. This ride is open to other patrons at the regular price of \$12.50. The Corral also offers open riding to military spouses on May 10 at a discount price of \$5 per hour. Call 533-5220 for information.

### CYS registration office closed May 13-17

The Child and Youth Services office will be closed May 13-17 and June 10-14 for installation of new computer software.

### MWR Arts Center hosts Art Fest Saturday

The MWR Arts Center will host an Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Prizes will be given away each hour. Authorized patrons who sign up for art classes during the festival will receive a 10% discount on class fees. The MWR Arts Center is located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008 on Arizona St. Call 533-2015 for information.

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# Bisbee’s high desert gardens

**Bisbee Bloomers release**  
The allure and beauty of high desert gardens will be featured during the first Bisbee Garden Tour May 11.

Twelve of Bisbee’s finest gardens will be on display during the self guided tour which will take visitors from the historic Old Bisbee district to the “Cities Beautiful” planned community of Warren and into the modern San Jose area with its panoramic views of Mexico and rambling ranch-style homes.

Eclectic in style, much like the former Copper mining town itself, the tour gardens reflect the homeowner’s preferences and experiments rather than landscape architects planned perfection.

There is much practical knowledge and affordable advice to be gained through the tour.

The gardens reflect a range of landscaping, including Xeriscape, natural state, water features, traditional, and sunlight mitigation. Visitors will find fruit trees, a 90-year-old olive tree, lily ponds, roses, low water use plants, high water use plants, an outdoor room, native high desert plants, water features, bonsai shrubs, and many different varieties of trees, bushes, vines, perennials and annuals.

Tickets for the tour, which runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., are \$5 and may be purchased at the Visitor Center, 35 Subway Street, in Old Bisbee.

For more information, call 432-5421 or visit [www.bisbearizona.com](http://www.bisbearizona.com).

Before the scheduled tour a 9 a.m. talk is scheduled for those people interested in learning about plants that attract birds and butterflies.

The talk, by Sandy Upson, noted Lepidopterist and nature photographer, entitled “Attracting butterflies to Your Garden” will take place at 47 Wood Canyon in Old Bisbee.

This garden, which is not on the tour, has been specifically planted to attract birds and butterflies.

The tour is hosted by the Bisbee Bloomers, a civic organization dedicated to the enhancement of the natural beauty of Bisbee.

The garden tour is being held in conjunction with the Fiesta de las Aves, International Migration Celebration May 9-12 hosted by the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory.

The festival will include activities for wildlife lovers of all ages and interest levels.

It will include field trips to famous and lesser-known natural areas on both sides of the border, as well as presentations by experts and enthusiasts on a variety of topics. There will be educational and informational displays representing public agencies and non-profit organizations, as well as commercial exhibits by vendors of wildlife-related and environmentally friendly products.



## Buffalo Corral evacuates horses, softball canceled

**By Sgt. Jessica Inigo Scout Staff**

Buffalo Corral evacuated all horses during Tuesday’s fire, relocating the majority of the animals to various softball fields on post.

The animals’ safety was of main concern as the fire and smoke crept closer to the Corral.

Due to the relocation, the use of most softball fields were canceled.

Once the wild fire was controlled and the smoke cleared the horses were brought back to their homes.

No horses were injured in the wild fire that burned near the Corral, though many were shaken up from all the commotion.

Now things are O.K. back at the Corral.



Photos by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

**Photos clockwise:**  
**Horses took advantage of the lush grass on Smiley Field once relocated.**  
**Horses were moved with various vehicles to get them out as quickly as possible. No horses were hurt during the fire, though many were shaken up from all the commotion.**  
**Flames and smoke billowed behind the Corral as horses were evacuated to different softball fields.**



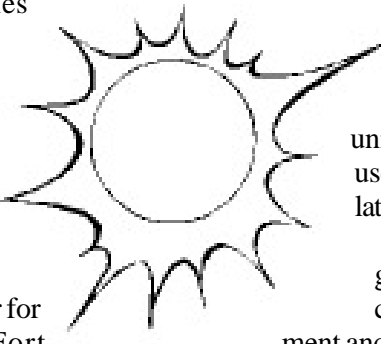
## Protect children, water this summer

**Housing Office release**

Spring is here and so is the warmer weather. Many of us were raised with activities such as swimming in pools, running through sprinklers and playing with running hoses. In this desert environment, we don’t have that luxury.

This is a reminder for residents of Fort Huachuca that swimming pools are not authorized. Wading pools are, however, authorized, but will not exceed one foot in height and seven feet in diameter. Wading pools must be moved frequently in order to avoid damage to grounds.

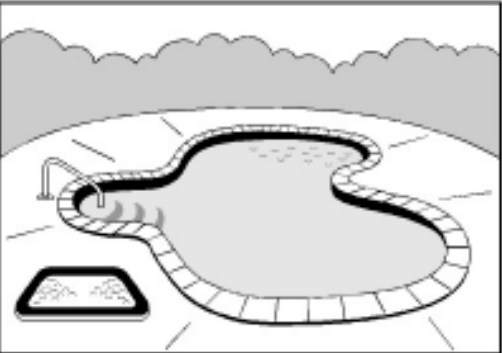
The prohibition of swimming pools is primarily to protect the safety of children living in quarters. Even with fences, pool covers or other security measures, children find a way to gain access to those inviting attractions, such as a swimming pool.



The Housing Office wants to ensure there is no tragedy of an injury or loss of life. Secondly, of course, is the water usage. Residents must be ever vigilant to protect and conserve this vital resource.

Housing employees, as well as unit sponsors, will be monitoring the use of swimming pools on the installation.

Warnings and citations will be given as appropriate. Let’s keep children safe, protect the environment and utilize the community swimming pools on Fort Huachuca.



# Twelve of 47 teams finish Best Ranger contest

**By Spc. Douglas DeMaio Army News Service**

FORT BENNING, Ga. — A captain and staff sergeant won the 20th annual Best Ranger competition here April 28, leading 12 teams that finished the 60-hour test of endurance.

Capt. Duane Patin and Staff Sgt. Daniel Jenkins from the 5th Ranger Training Battalion took the lead in the road march, held it through remaining events and never looked back.

Injuries on the hazard-wrought course kept many of the 47 teams from finishing, and more than one competitor crossed the finish line limping. Staff Sgt. Shane Jernigan finished with a broken ankle.

“It is a test of will,” said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, who presented the winners golden pistols and medallions April 29 at the Ranger Memorial. “Trust and teamwork are demands of the Ranger Creed and you will all take these lessons learned back to your units.”

As the crowd watched the weekend competition, one ranger descended from a helicopter 1,500 feet above the drop zone and a gust of wind carried him into the trees. He hit the sharply pointed branches. At that moment spectators gasped, as they grasped a sense of the dangers involved with the contest.

The events are designed to put stress on the mind, joints, muscles and bones, a competition official said.

“You know it’s going to hurt coming in to it,” said 1st. Lt. Scott Wence, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

The competition is tough, said Gunnery Sgt. Keith Oakes, winner of last year’s competition with partner Sgt. 1st. Class William Patterson. He said it demands more than some can give.

“All these guys have had major lifestyle changes,” Oakes said. “All your free time goes toward training.

“Your mindset starts to change,” Oakes said. “You watch what you eat. Your sleeping patterns change.”

The competitors are disciplined, said Capt. John Serafini,

11th Regiment.

“This is the most physically demanding thing I’ve ever done,” Serafini said.

“The challenges are just as tough mentally as they are physically, said Lt. Col. David Pound, Ranger Training Brigade executive officer. Each year the competition is changed to challenge the mental toughness of the competitors.

“A lot of this competition is psychological,” Pound said. “We want to throw in enough twists to even the playing field. We try to take these guys out of their comfort zone.”

Experienced competitors have insight to the demands of the competition and so extending an event, like the road march, or adding an additional event tries to equal out the advantages an experienced competitor may have over a first-time competitor, he said.

This year the fitness

**See Ranger, B4**



Photo by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

**Capt. John Serafini, 11th Infantry Regt., finishes the helocast swim on day three of the Best Ranger Competition. He finished 12th overall.**



# White House honors Army Winter 2002 Olympians

By Doug Ide  
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Army athletes joined the rest of the U.S. Winter Olympic team April 23 at a White House ceremony honoring their achievements.

President George Bush welcomed more than 200 Olympians during the ceremony on the south lawn as the athletes filled a small area behind him and on twin staircases leading up to a second-floor balcony.

“All of your victories required hard work and skill and the determination to meet your goals,” Bush told the athletes.

“It was an important time for America, and you didn’t let us down. You’re now more than athletes, you’re role models.”

For the Army Olympians, the White House ceremony was one stop on a whirlwind meet-and-greet tour through the nation’s capitol, including Pentagon visits with Secretary of the Army Thomas White, Undersecretary of the Army Les Brownlee and

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. The athletes also met with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack. L. Tilley.

Spc. Doug Sharp, one of three Army athletes on the USA II bobsled team that won a bronze medal at the Games, said he appreciated the attention from Army leadership.

“It’s a wonderful pat on the back,” Sharp said.

As part of their itinerary, soldiers visited Arlington National Cemetery, where Sgt. Kristina Sabasteanski and 2nd Lt. Garrett Hines placed a wreath during a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns, recognizing the wartime sacrifices of their fellow soldiers past and present.

Ten of the 13 Army athletes and coaches in Washington last week are members of the Army’s World Class Athlete Program — a Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity of the Army’s Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.



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**Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz checks out the gold medal Spc. Jill Bakken won for bobsledding.**

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test required the competitors do sit-ups immediately following their pushups, which didn’t allow the participants any time to catch their breath and took them by surprise, Pound said.

The road march was also changed. Instead of marching 21 miles, a mark many of the competitors thought was the finish line, the march was extended an additional three miles.

“It threw the dynamics off the guys who thought they would stick with the pack,” said Sgt. Anthony Mayne, competitor from 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

“When the pack didn’t make it, it hurt a lot of the competitors.”

More than half the participants were knocked out of the competition during the road

march event. Only 15 teams remained out of the original 47.

So, strategies paid off for a few teams who used the march to move up in the standings, Mayne said.

“We moved up in the standings and ran our race,” he said. “We were not concerned about what the other teams were doing...”

After completing the event, many of the teams were worn down and not fully recovered by the second day.

“You can recover from the first day of events,” Oakes said. “The road march is where it really starts. It will settle everything.”

On the final day, 12 teams were anxious to finish, Mayne said. Although Jenkins and Patin

had pretty much sealed the deal to be dubbed the 2002 Best Ranger, the rest of the competitors lived by their creed and fought on to complete their mission.

“It feels like we accomplished something,” Mayne said. “It’s a personal achievement...”

The Army’s goal for the competition is to display some of the finest tactical and technical soldiers in the world and to allow the ranger participants to incorporate what they have learned in the competition and teach their platoons the knowledge they’ve gained, Pound said.

“It highlights the best two-man-buddy team,” Pound said. “In their own right, they are world-class athletes. They are the best of

the best.”

In a way, sharing their knowledge with their units is like contributing to a big family, said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, Fort Benning commanding general, who has known the second-place winners, Capt. Jeffrey Vanantwerp and 1st Lt. Lucas Vanantwerp, since they were kids.

“This competition is part of a great, big family,” Eaton said.

“The family is part of the U.S. Army. Mothers, daughters, dads, wives, sons and girlfriends are all celebrating in this incredible competition.”

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